

In the Claims

Claims 1 through 13 (Previously Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 25 and in which said switching means is activated by selected voice commands at said steering wheel.

15. (Previously Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 25 and in which the switching of the recording and the playback are also ~~initiated~~ initiatable by driver-controlled switches at the deck.

17. (Previously Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 25 and in which the switching of the player is automatically effected a predetermined time after the dictation recording.

18. (Previously Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 25 and in which the switching of the player is automatically effected after a predetermined number of dictation recordings.

19. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 25 and in which the initiation of said control switch switching is also ~~effected~~ effectable by a driver-operated switch button located at the steering wheel structure.

20. (Previously Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 25 and in which initiation of said switching is effected optionally by driver voice-command actuated switches and by switching buttons.

21. (Previously Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 25 and in which, where the driver actuates the switching while seated at the steering wheel region, a driver-controlled switch is button is also incorporated at the steering wheel structure.

23. (Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle ~~radio~~-entertainment deck including ~~one or more~~ each of storage

medium player and dictation recorder components, and a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, to access a predetermined component of the entertainment deck and also to access the cellular radio telephone, all in a diversionless manner with full attention to driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning each of said entertainment components on and off; a further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a plurality of predesignated separate voice commands for enabling separate operation of each of said predetermined entertainment deck components and also of the cellular radio telephone, namely, a voice command for the storage-medium player, a separate voice command for the dictation recorder, and a separate voice command for the cellular radio telephone; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver selectively speaking such predesignated separate voice commands live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the individual activating of the corresponding control switch.

24. (Previously Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle ~~radio~~ entertainment deck including ~~one or more~~ all of storage-medium player, dictation recorder and AM/FM radio-receiver components, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, to access all of said components of the entertainment deck, all in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning ~~any~~ each of said entertainment components on and off; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a plurality of predesignated separate voice commands for the separate operation of each of said components, namely, a voice command for the storage medium player, a separate

voice command for the dictation recorder, and a separate voice command for the AM/FM radio receiver ; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver selectively speaking such predesignated separate voice commands live at the said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the individual selective activating of the corresponding entertainment component control switch, thereby respectively and selectively to play from storage media for the entertainment of the driver, to enable driver dictation and recording, and to enable the driver to listen to AM/FM radio broadcasts.

26. (Previously Cancelled)

27. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein switch buttons are provided at said steering wheel region for optionally effecting the activating of the corresponding control switches.

28. (Currently Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region, a plurality of vehicle radio entertainment deck components, and a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, selectively to access a predetermined component of the entertainment deck and also to access the cellular radio telephone, all in a diversionless manner with full attention to driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning each of said components on and off; a further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a plurality of predesignated voice commands for selective operation of said predetermined component and also of the cellular radio telephone, the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to said driver speaking such predesignated selected voice commands live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of the corresponding control switch.

29. (Previously Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle ~~radio~~-entertainment deck including ~~one or more of~~ both storage-medium player, ~~dictation recorder~~ and AM/FM radio receiver components, apparatus for enabling a driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, to access a predetermined component of the entertainment deck in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning each of said entertainment components on and off; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a predesignated voice commands for separate operation of each of said predetermined component, namely a voice command for the storage medium player and a separate voice command for the AM/FM radio receiver; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver speaking such predesignated voice commands live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the individual selective activating of the corresponding entertainment component control switch, thereby respectively and selectively to play from storage medium for the entertainment of the driver and to enable the driver to listen to AM/FM radio broadcasts.

31. (Currently Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle entertainment deck including storage-medium entertainment player/recorder components, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, selectively to access said components in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning said components on and off; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with predesignated voice commands for selective operation of said components, namely, a voice command for playing from storage medium player for the entertainment of the driver and a separate voice command for activating the recorder ; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver selectively expressing such predesignated

voice commands live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the selective activating of the corresponding control switch of said components respectively to play/record at the vehicle.

32. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 31 wherein the vehicle also contains a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by said driver in the vehicle, while seated at the steering wheel region, to also access the cellular radio telephone in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising a further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone; and further voice-controlled switching means programmed with a further predesignated separate voice command for enabling the operation of the cellular radio telephone; the further voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver speaking such further predesignated command live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of said cellular radio telephone control switch also to transmit over the radio telephone.

33. (Currently Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region, vehicle ~~radio~~ entertainment deck including recorder REC and player PL components and a vehicle cellular radio telephone transmitter TX for selective use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, selectively to access said REC and PL components of the entertainment deck and also to access the cellular radio telephone transmitter TX, all in a diversionless manner with full attention to driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning said components on and off; a further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone transmitter; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a plurality of predesignated voice commands for respective selective operation of said components REC and PL and also of the cellular radio telephone transmitter TX, the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to

said driver selectively speaking such predesignated voice commands live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the selective activating of the corresponding control switch.

34. (Previously Cancelled)

35. (New) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein said voice-controlled switching means includes a control switch responsive to a separate voice command for transmitting stored or dictated information of said player or recorder over the cellular radio telephone.

36. (New) The apparatus of claim 30 wherein the voice-controlled switching means includes a control switch responsive to a separate voice command for transmitting stored or received information of said storage-medium player or radio receiver components over the cellular radio telephone.

37. (New) The apparatus of claim 32 wherein the voice-controlled switching means includes a control switch responsive to a separate voice command for transmitting played or recorded information of said player/recorder components over the cellular radio telephone.